

## Marne honor s fallen 3rd Attack/Recon pilot

Staff Sgt. Raymond  
Piper  
3rd Inf. Div.

**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait** — Soldiers and friends crowded into a hangar at the Udairi Army Airfield, Camp Buehring, Kuwait, to honor the memory of a fallen comrade Jan. 24.

Capt. Joe Lusk II, a pilot with A Company, 3rd Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Aviation Brigade, was killed during a training accident Jan. 21 in preparation of movement into Iraq.

"Today we mourn Capt. Joe Lusk, but he will never be forgotten. We will all carry the fondest memories of him with us," said Lt. Col. Morgan Lamb, 3/3 Avn. commander.

Lamb said Joe truly loved his profession because being a Soldier, and more importantly a leader today is a calling to

a profession destined for risk and hardships.

"Joe willingly served his nation, unit and his men without fail," he continued. "I will always remember him as a great leader and hero to his country."

Joe without question was one of the most energetic and talented officers in the battalion, Lamb said.

He added, he was not only the consummate professional who lived by a distinct code of ethics and standards, but perhaps one of the nicest individuals one could expect to meet.

Capt. Todd Thornburg, the A Co. commander, said, "There was an air about Joe that would make everyone around him upbeat and happy. When it came to soldiering and leading there was no one better."

Capt. Brian Bergen, a fellow pilot and close friend to Lusk who spoke

at the memorial, said, "I'll never forget Joe Lusk and my children's children will know him forever as a perfect officer."

Bergen was at the forward arming and refuel point on the 21st and was listening to the radio as the pilots were training.

He said, "I couldn't hear anybody else once they got to the range. What was strange was that I could hear everything Joe said. What I heard that day on his final pass ... was perfection."

"We must not fail Joe. We must learn from this tragic loss and use his legacy to fuel our purpose as we prepare to go north," Lamb said.

Thornburg echoed Lamb's resolve, "This battalion and A Co. will never forget you, and we will continue with the mission. All of your efforts to provide freedom to another country will be fulfilled."



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Soldiers from D Co., 3/3 Avn. salute as the national anthem is played during the memorial service for Capt. Joe Lusk II.

## Spartans sharpen defense tactics

Spc. Benjamin T. Brody  
2nd Bde.

**CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait** — Soldiers from E Co., 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade trained on defending an entry control point and quick target acquisition at a Kuwaiti range Jan. 27.

Civilian contractors, many of them retired command sergeants major from the Rangers and Special Forces, from Military Professional Resources, Inc. conducted the class, which included a simulated vehicle-borne improvised explosive device.

The day started with an overview of the new Rapid Fielding Initiative equipment many Soldiers are using for the first time. Since the items have long been in the SF and Ranger inventory, the MPRI instructors were able to explain their proper use.

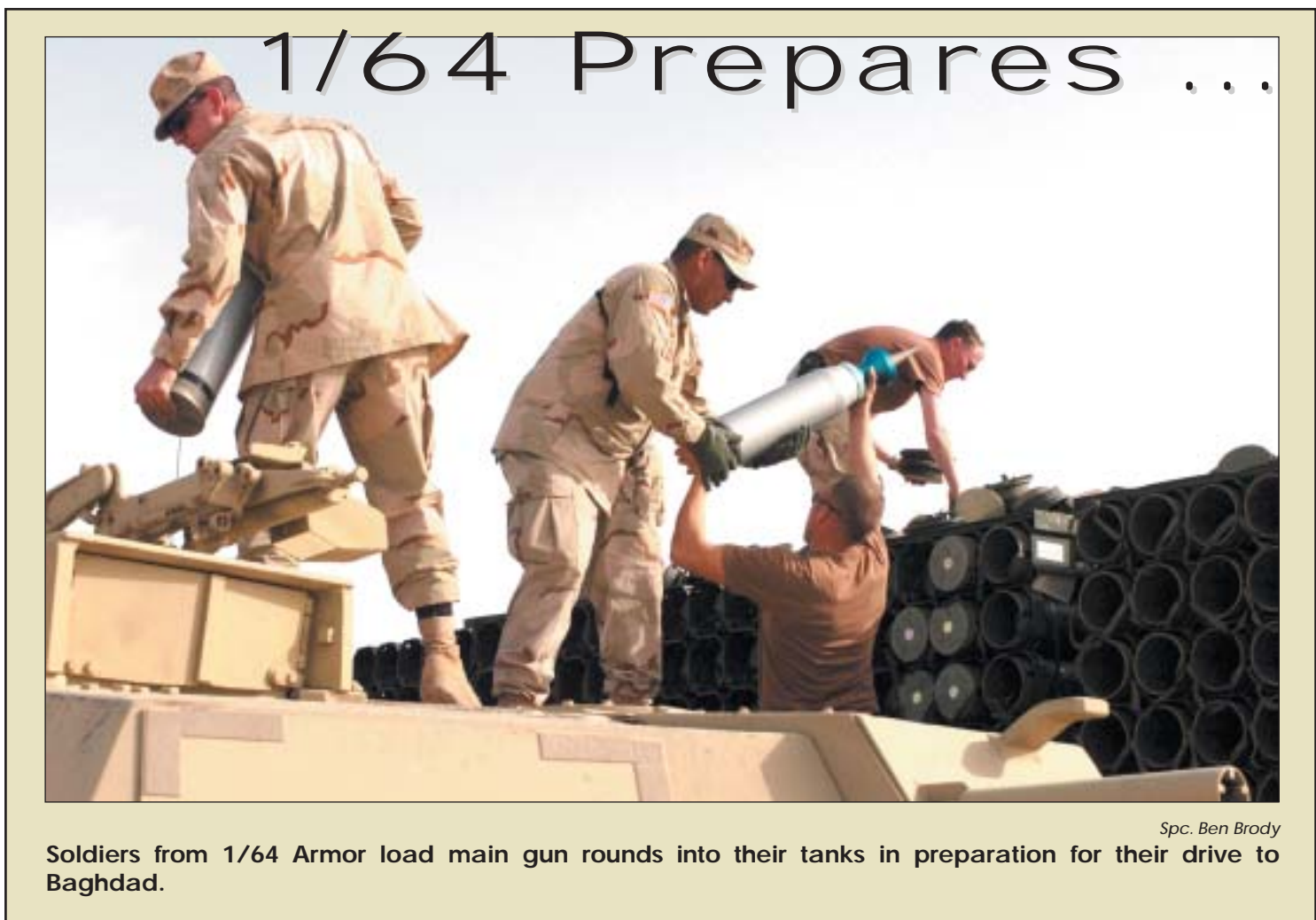
Instructor Ted Carns showed his group how to lessen the Interceptor vest's load on the shoulders by tightening

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A 2nd. Bde. Soldiers fires at a target in Kuwait.



Spc. Ben Brody

Soldiers from 1/64 Armor load main gun rounds into their tanks in preparation for their drive to Baghdad.

## 603rd Spt Bn Soldiers save lives in fiery 1-95 crash

Sgt. 1st Class David  
Abrams  
3rd Inf. Div.

**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait** — It was the kind of final exam that no one could have predicted—a bloody, fiery test of two 3rd Aviation Brigade Soldiers' medical skills one day after they graduated from the Army's Combat Lifesaver Course.

Staff Sgts. Byron Montgomery of LaVernia, Texas, and Miguel Rocha of Homestead, Fla., were heading to Rocha's home on Dec. 31 to put his truck in storage before the two deployed for Operation

Iraqi Freedom 3 when three miles south of Jacksonville a van, traveling in the opposite direction, was cut off by another vehicle, hit the guardrail and flipped on its side.

Montgomery and Rocha, roommates and co-workers in A Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, had just received their CLS diplomas the day before, so they immediately stopped their vehicle and got out to assist.

"We knew exactly what to do from class — it all came flooding back to me, so that was a good feeling," Montgomery said.

In the van were a mother,

her adult daughter, two 15-year-old boys, a 14-year-old girl and a 10-year-old girl. One of the boys had died on impact, but the two Soldiers knew they needed to help save the others.

"I grabbed a hammer, so I could break out the windshield," Montgomery said, adding that he also cut the seatbelts to free the trapped passengers.

The van caught on fire and the amount of rescue time immediately narrowed from minutes to seconds. By this time, a crowd had gathered and several others helped them lift the burning van and set it upright so that the trapped




victims could be freed more easily.

Rocha said someone grabbed a fire extinguisher, but it couldn't douse the flames.

"Time flew by," Montgomery said. "I just wanted to get them out of the burning car."

Soon, all occupants were out of the wreckage and Montgomery found himself trying to comfort one of the young girls. "She asked me if she was going to die and I told her no, we were there to help make sure that didn't happen," he said.

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# 87th CSB chaplain spreads religion

Sgt. 1st Class Peter Chadwick  
DSB

**CAMP VIRGINIA, Kuwait** — What does a tent city, the Polish Army and a U. S. Army chaplain have in common?

They combined to form the place, the participants and the presider for a very unique Sunday evening church service January 23.

Chaplain (Capt.) Stanislaw Jasiurkowski, 87th Combat Support Battalion, Division Support Brigade chaplain, conducted mass at 6:45 p.m. for more than 25 Polish Soldiers temporarily stationed here on their way home after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chaplain (Maj.) Paul Yacovone, chaplain for the DSB, 3rd Infantry Division said he noticed the Polish Soldiers when he and Jasiurkowski first arrived here and pointed them out.

"His eyes lit up," said Yacovone, who goes by the nick name Chaplain "Yac."

Yacovone, Jasiurkowski's supervisor, said the same spark returned when Jasiurkowski saw the Polish flag flying over the camp.

"I was quite surprised to find a Polish flag flying in Camp Virginia," said Jasiurkowski, who was born in Krynica, Poland.

On the second day in camp, he met with the Polish commander, Lt. Col. Zbigniew Pawlik, Multi-national Division, Central, South, who said his unit didn't have a chaplain here.

"Our tradition of church and attending mass is important for most all Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Mirosław Orzechowski, also with the MND. "Ninety percent believe in God and about 60 percent are religious."

Jasiurkowski said Chaplain "Yac" suggested he conduct a mass for the Polish soldiers. So, with the total support of his chain of command, Jasiurkowski planned the mass. Orzechowski said it was a great opportunity for the Soldiers to hear the mass celebrated in Polish.

Jasiurkowski said it was very special for him to be able to perform the mass for his brothers from the country of his birth.

"I am very proud of Poland," said Jasiurkowski, "They support the U.S. in the global War on Terrorism."

Jasiurkowski said that Poland has nearly 2,400 troops in Iraq, as well as Soldiers in Afghanistan. In fact, a Polish general is in command of an international division.

While still proud of his birth nation, Jasiurkowski is very clear on where his loyalties lie.

"My first priority is to provide religious support to my 87th Combat Support Battalion," Jasiurkowski said.

The path to this peculiar meeting started with a 1998 visit to the United States.

"I came to New York on vacation," said Jasiurkowski.

A priest he was visiting took him to meet Bishop Casimir Grotnik, the primary bishop of The Polish National Catholic Church, headquartered in Scranton, Pennsylvania, who is a priest in that denomination.

Jasiurkowski said the PNCC separated from the Roman Catholic Church in 1897 because they weren't allowed to speak Polish. There were also some administrative differences including celibacy. They organized in Scranton and have eight dioceses: one in Canada, three in Poland and four in the United States.

"He asked me to stay in the U.S.," said Jasiurkowski, who graduated from the Theological Institute in Tarnow, Poland, with a Masters in Theology. Jasiurkowski declined the offer.

Grotnik called two months later and this time the offer was accepted, said Jasiurkowski.

Jasiurkowski came to the U.S. with his wife Bogumila and son, Christopher, in December 1998, eight years after his ordination in Tarnow.

After three months in seminary learning to say mass in English, he was assigned to Saint Valentine's Church, in Philadelphia, said Jasiurkowski.

Jasiurkowski said that even though the parish had 50 to 60 percent Polish speakers in the congregation, he spent eight months going to a local business school to improve his English.

While serving at St. Valentines, he performed several memorial services for victims of 9/11. One of his parishioners, Lt. Col. Walter Reading, suggested he should be a chaplain.

Jasiurkowski said he always wanted to join the army, but when he was of age in Poland, army officers were required to be members of the Communist Party. He didn't want to do that.

Reading called the chaplain recruiter, who in turn contacted Jasiurkowski.

While processing for the U.S. Army chaplaincy, Jasiurkowski was transferred to another parish.

Jasiurkowski said Grotnik told him his English was good enough to go to the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church, Albany, N.Y. The church has no Polish speakers.

"I didn't want to disappoint him," Jasiurkowski said. So he joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

It is a requirement to be a permanent resident in U.S. to get a green card and join the military, Jasiurkowski said. His church affiliation helped with the residency part while he processed for his citizenship, but his interview is scheduled during his deployment.

"It will have to wait until he gets back," he said.

He spent a year in the reserves as a lieutenant. He enjoyed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. so much, he decided to go into active duty.

Jasiurkowski said Grotnik gave his blessing stating the Army needs chaplains.

He was promoted to captain once he joined the active-duty ranks and reported to Fort Stewart, Ga. June 14, 2004 assigned to the 87th CSB.

The 87th's deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom III set up the opportunity for Jasiurkowski to briefly join with the Polish army in a common cause.

"He is a soldier, no matter what the uniform," said Orzechowski.

Soldiers gathered together in a far away place having their words, work and worship in common.



Sgt. 1st Class Peter Chadwick

Chaplain (Capt.) Stanislaw Jasiurkowski serves communion to Polish Soldiers during mass.



Jasiurkowski greets his congregation during the "passing of the peace," a time for shaking hands and wishing everyone God's peace.



Jasiurkowski arranges the communion prior to saying mass.



Jasiurkowski leads Polish Soldiers and U.S. servicemembers in worship.





Photos by Spc. Ben Brody

Soldiers from 2nd Bde., 3rd Inf. Div. load duffle bags and rucksacks into a HEMMIT as they prepare a convoy going to Camp New York, Kuwait.

# Spartans avoid desert hazards in convoy

Spc. Ben Brody

2nd Bde. PAO

**CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait** — Soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, received their first shipment of wheeled vehicles in Kuwait, and drove them from the port to Camp New York Jan. 24.

As a full moon rose over endless miles of barren highway, the convoy drove toward Camp New York, only to find the main access road had been washed out by heavy rain. The Soldiers of 2nd Bde barely hesitated as they found an alternate route across the desert, following the bright lights of camp. “The ability of 2nd Bde. Soldiers on the move to make quick, thoughtful decisions under pressure is another testament as to why the Spartan Brigade is second to none on the battlefield,” said Capt. Larry Ross, 2nd Bde. assistant logistics officer.

Approximately 160 Soldiers traveled to the port in four buses to retrieve the 80 Humvees, Light Medium Tactical Vehicles and HEMTT fuel tankers just unloaded from a cargo ship.

“We rode down to the port, did our (preventive maintenance, checks and services) on the LMTV and we’re waiting to line up and convoy back (to Camp New

York),” said Sgt. Tina Kelly, A Co., 3rd Soldier Support Battalion. “The vehicle we’re moving isn’t our own, it’s our parent unit’s, but it’s important we get it to camp safe.”

Warrant Officer Lorena Peck, 2nd Bde. mobility officer, was positioned at the port to oversee the unloading of the boat and to manage the movement of equipment to Camp New York , about a three hour trip,Ross said.

The 2nd Bde. had a constant rotation of Soldiers going to and from the port to ensure all vehicles and equipment were picked up and driven to the camp, he said.

The port operations were facilitated by a staff of Soldiers and sailors wearing hard hats and reflective vests giving safety briefs and other administrative instructions..

“I’m here to ensure units are being safe, and making sure everyone does a proper PMCS on their vehicle and drives at a safe speed,” said Chief Warrant Officer Santiago Arroyo, port safety officer. “There is a huge list of safety procedures to follow at the port because it can be an especially hazardous area, with so much heavy equipment moving around.”

During his safety brief, Arroyo covered speed limits



A wheeled vehicle belonging to 2nd Bde., 3rd Inf. Div. waits to convoy to Camp New York, Kuwait.

and what to do if a vehicle rolls over or breaks down.

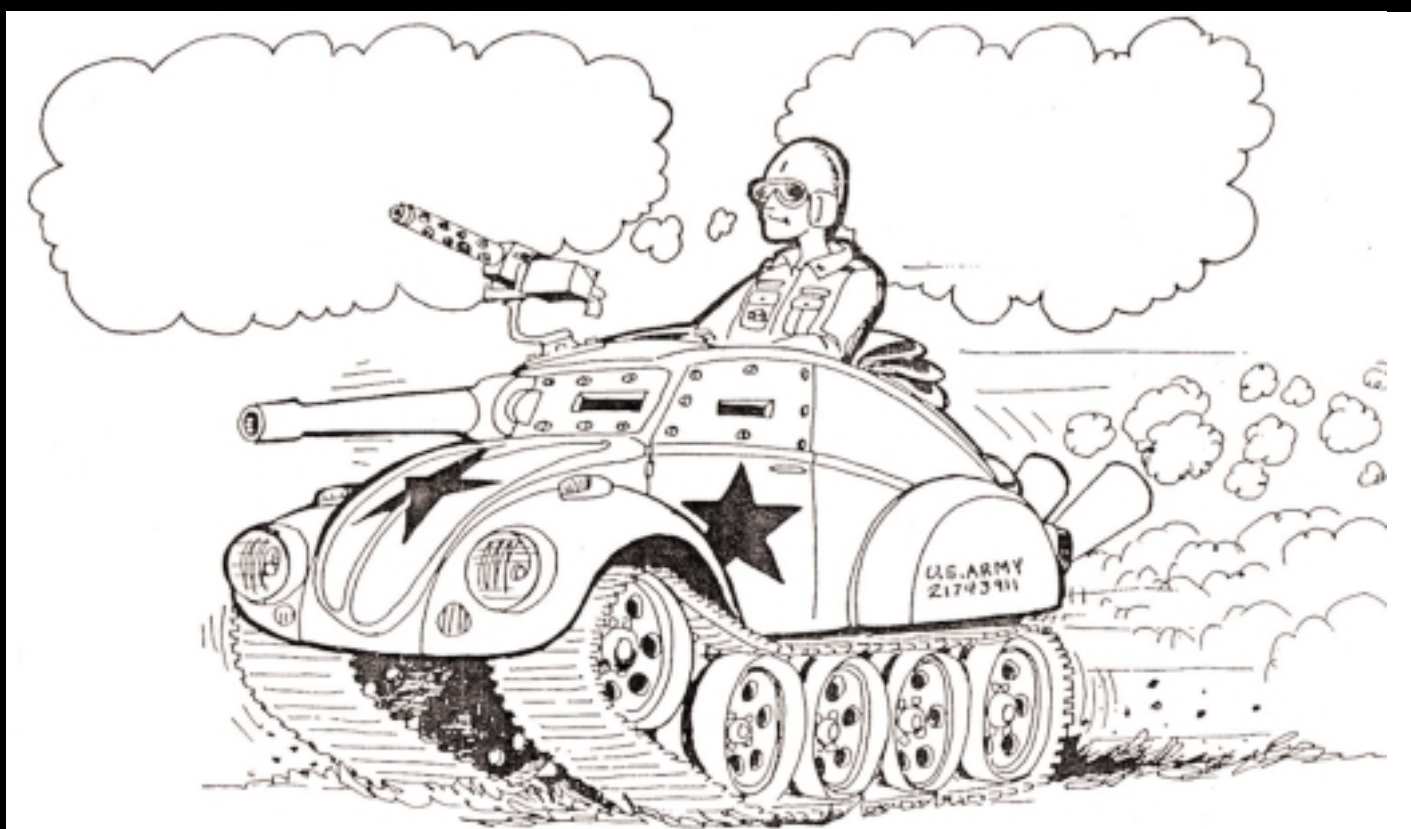
“Safety saves lives and equipment – our priority is to keep Soldiers safe,” Arroyo said. “When Soldiers get hurt or equipment gets damaged it degrades our mission.”

The Spartan Brigade is currently preparing for their pending move to Baghdad.



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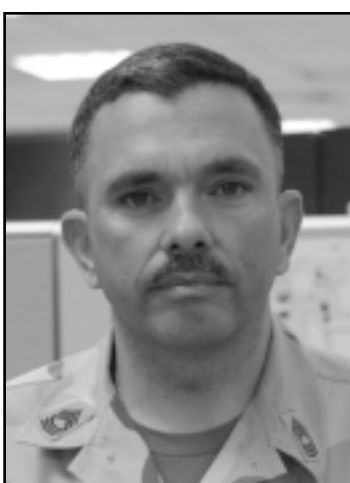
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**"What is your first impression of your base camp in Baghdad?"**

"It's just another deployment to me. I've been to Korea, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, so I'm just here trying to get down to business."

CWO Richard Dunn  
Headquarters Co.,  
Special Troops Battalion  
(Hometown: Decatur, Illinois)



"With the improvements set up here, it's better than I expected. Overall, the quality of life here is outstanding."

Master Sgt. Angel Martell  
Headquarters Co.,  
Special Troops Battalion  
(Hometown: Port Charlotte, Fla.)

"The quality of life is much better here than before, so I have no complaints here yet."

Sgt. Andrea Williams  
Headquarters Co.,  
Special Troops Battalion  
(Hometown: Melbourne, Fla.)

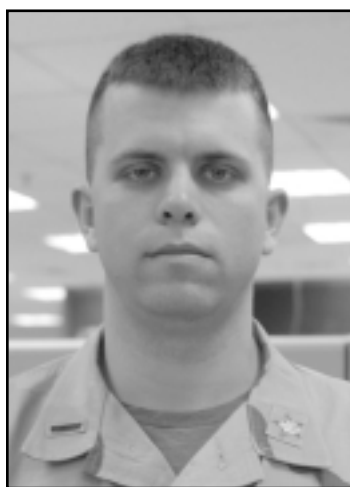


"Basically, it seems like we never left. It was a quick turnaround coming back here."

Sgt. Paul Garno  
Headquarters Co.,  
Special Troops Battalion  
(Hometown: Bartow, Fla.)

"The standard of living has improved considerably since we were last here."

Sgt. Ronald Coleman  
Headquarters Co.,  
Special Troops Battalion  
(Hometown: Providence, R.I.)



"[It] feels the same to be back here."

1st Lt. Derek Bogda  
Headquarters Co.,  
Special Troops Battalion  
(Hometown: Savannah, Ga.)

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# CLS

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After the ambulances had whisked everyone away and the accident scene was under control, Montgomery and Rocha got back in their truck and continued on their journey, not telling anyone in their unit about what they'd done. Aviation Brigade leaders only learned of the two lifesavers after the unit had deployed to Kuwait and Rocha was looking at photos he'd taken of the accident scene.

“We didn't want to make big deal about it,” Rocha said.

Unbeknownst to them, another trio of Aviation Brigade Soldiers had assisted in a similar highway accident a week later.

Sgt. Peter VanHeyde of Houston, Texas and Pvts. Jason Sullivan of Chicago and Jeffrey Leviner of Spartansburg, S.C., were traveling back to Fort Bragg, N.C., Jan. 7 after picking up donations a Charlotte, N.C., radio station had collected for the OIF 3-bound Soldiers' unit, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 3rd Avn. Bde. Suddenly, a vehicle in the opposite lane lost control and crossed the median. The airborne car landed down a steep embankment and VanHeyde said he could see the driver had hit his head twice on the dashboard.

While Leviner called 911 and Sullivan made sure there was no fuel leak, VanHeyde began lifesaving measures on the victim. “He was semi-conscious and

moaning, so I started doing what I could for him,” VanHeyde said. He'd taken the CLS course eight months earlier and said he automatically knew what to do in the 15 minutes it took Union Emergency Medical Services to reach the crash site.

Later, the Soldiers learned that the victim was a military veteran who'd had a heart attack while driving.

“I will tell you that the three Soldiers' help was nothing short of a miracle as far as our crew was concerned,” said Tina Busby, an administrative assistant with Union EMS. “The medics who responded to this call quite possibly couldn't have gotten this patient out of the wrecked vehicle nor carried him up the slope to the ambulance without their help because of the steep embankment where the vehicle had veered off the road.”

In a letter Busby wrote to the 3rd Avn. Bde., she added, “They were nowhere to be found by our medics once the patient was secured in the ambulance and seemingly appeared and disappeared like guardian angels.”

Six days later, the unit deployed to Kuwait and 1st Sgt. Tim Edsall of Hammondsport, N.Y., said he didn't learn about his Soldiers' actions until someone put three Army Commendation Medals in his hand. “I think it's awesome that they took the time to stop and give lifesaving aid,” Edsall said. “But knowing the kind of Soldiers they are, that's what I'd expect from them.”



Spc. Ben Brody

Soldiers of 2nd Bde. practice their reflex firing while in Kuwait.

## SPARTAN

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the straps under the rib cage. After tightening each others' straps with pliers, many Soldiers said the relief was tremendous.

Taking a battle drill straight from 75th Ranger Regiment doctrine, Carns demonstrated a quick method of identifying, squaring off against and engaging a hostile target at less than 25 meters.

“You want to face the enemy as you engage, so the front plate in your body armor will protect you,” Carns said. “As you square off, remember – slow is smooth, and smooth is fast.”

The live fire drills included turning to engage a threat from four directions, firing while moving and firing from as close as four meters. The range had few of the safety checks practiced at Fort Stewart, just buddy checks, muzzle awareness and common sense.

“We aren't going to rod you on and off the range, there are no safeties walking around and you not keeping your muzzle up and down-range because there are no

safeties and rods on the street in Iraq,” Carns said. “The responsibility is on you to be safe and check your buddy.”

“The safety checks here are the same as in Iraq,” said Col. (ret.) Larry Word, MPRI team leader. “Rules don't make units safe, leaders make units safe. You've got to trust Soldiers and nail the guy who messes up instead of bogging down everyone.”

After a fusillade of gunfire pounded the plastic targets, Carns explained the workings of a good entry control point, the gate that must protect a base or camp from any ground threat. The training focused on defeating VBIEDs, a growing threat in Iraq.

“That driver's going to be coming at you, maybe with dismounts shooting at you as well, and there's one thing you absolutely must do to protect the ECP – kill that driver,” Carns said.

The range featured a simulated ECP, consisting of walls of sandbags to force a driver to slow down and weave between them.

A silhouette of a vehicle with a driver weaved toward the Soldiers at up to 40 kilometers per hour, as they fired at both the driver and other silhouettes that popped up from behind the sandbags.

It took two rounds in the torso to knock the driver down, then it popped up again and the Soldiers resumed firing. Soldiers fired in groups of three or four, and expended about 40 rounds each.

“This is the best range I've been to – we're learning at a good pace,” said Pfc. Jeff Johnson, HHC, 2nd Bde. “I was really impressed and had a good time.”

E Co. 3/15 is an engineer company, but in Iraq they will function like any other combat-arms maneuver company, according to E Co. 1st Sgt. Gary Yeatts.

“This type of training is essential to our preparedness as we head north,” Yeatts said after the range. “I'm pleased with our company's performance today – we did great.”

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# Spartans on the way to Baghdad

**Spc. Ben Brody**  
Spartan Brigade PAO

**CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait** — Throughout the month of January, Soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, were flown to Kuwait as they prepared to move into Baghdad to

support Operation Iraqi Freedom III, flying first to Kuwait.

Deploying Soldiers from the brigade expressed a range of sentiments about the prospect of spending more than a year in a combat zone.

"I'm a little nervous,

but we've had great training to prepare us," said Pvt. Michael Kesling, B Co., 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment M240B gunner. "It's tough when it first hits you — that you're a long way from home, but when you get rolling and get into your job it's not so bad."

Kesling said he has spent a lot of time away from his Jefferson, Wisc. home before, but never deployed. He credits veterans in his company with giving out helpful pointers, and said he is optimistic and grounded about the challenges ahead.

"I'm motivated to serve my country, and to get home when it's over," he said with a maturity outstripping his rank. "There are thousands over here doing their jobs, and I'm no different."

Many other Soldiers echoed his sentiment.

"It's not like I really want to go, but the mission's got to get done," said Staff Sgt. Harry Anderson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade motor pool noncommissioned officer in charge.

Anderson, from Sumter, S.C., points to a common concern among deploying Soldiers — the enemy will be difficult to identify and they will hide behind and among civilians.

"We're focused, trained and ready, but I'm worried about civilians caught in the middle," he said. "You hit the wrong person, it's on your conscience."

Returning veterans like Staff Sgt. Thomas Cook, A Co. 26th Forward Support

Battalion transportation platoon sergeant, say there is an important mission to complete in Iraq, and they are motivated to see it through.

Cook, who served with 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment during the Gulf War, said he isn't surprised to return to Iraq 13 years later.

"I felt we hadn't finished when we left, like we needed to get Saddam," the Yakima, Wash. native said. "Maybe it's because I was 21 and all gung-ho, but I thought we'd be back."

Cook said he volunteered for the deployment, giving up an "easy, non-deployable job" at Fort Stewart's NCO academy.

"I think we're doing the right thing, that a trained military bringing the fight to the enemy makes the U.S. safer," he said. "Iraq needs us now to help stabilize the country so they can prosper."

Cook said he misses his family, but "after 14 years in the Army, you get used to being away."

He advises young Soldiers to have faith, trust their spouses and set their families up for success before leaving.

"Get your finances straight before you go, and keep them straight while you're there," Cook said. "Keep in contact with your family, but not so much that you go bankrupt from the phone bills."

After several weeks in Kuwait, the Soldiers of the Spartan Brigade will travel north to Baghdad by aircraft and tactical vehicles.

## ANA officers graduate from class taught by Afghans

**Lt. Col. Susan H. Meisner**

Army News Service

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Sixty officers, from captain to lieutenant colonel, graduated Jan. 25 from the first Command and General Staff College class in Kabul to be completely taught by Afghan instructors.

This is the fourth class to graduate from the French-run school, under the auspices of the Office of Military Cooperation — Afghanistan, which began just over a year ago with French instructors who modeled the curriculum after their own.

"When they graduated the second class," said Afghan Col. Majid Askarzoi, director of Training and Education for the school, "they picked Afghan instructors from the graduates to help teach the next class."

"The third class had 50 percent French instructors and 50 percent Afghan," said Askarzoi, who after graduating from CGSC, was asked by his French instructors to stay on as an assistant until he assumed his present role. "Lessons are now taught completely by Afghan instructors with assistance by five French officers."

The graduates will take their places within the ranks of the Afghan National Army's kandaks (battalions), brigades and corps, as well as in key positions within the Ministry of Defense and General Staff.

CGSC has presented a total of 256 professional officers to the ANA, said Afghan Lt. Gen. Eshaq Noori, vice chief of the General Staff and keynote speaker at the graduation.

"We (the ANA) have participated in providing security for the constitutional Loya Jirga, presidential election, and presidential inauguration and will have many more responsibilities during the parliamentary election. That is a tough job, and we need such a professional officer (as these graduates) to maintain the security all over the country."

The Ministry of Defense prepares a list of school candidates with appropriate military experience. They must pass an oral interview and a comprehensive written test to gain entry to the school.

The 11-week training class covers tactical skills; military education and exams; technical and staff skills; international organization and the law of war; physical training; basics of the English language; and computer skills. Practical and sand-table exercises round out the curriculum.

While the Afghan instructors will continue to tweak the course, improving translations for better understanding in the local language, Dari, they plan to stay with the NATO system developed by the French, said Askarzoi.

The graduates — recognizable by the green beret marking professional soldiers of the Afghan National Army—join a combat-experienced force



*Spc. Ben Brody*

Second Bde. Soldiers board an aircraft which will take them to Kuwait. Once in Kuwait, the Soldiers will train and then head to Iraq in support of OIF 3.

## CENTCOM News

## Riot at Camp Bucca leaves four dead, six injured

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — A riot at the Camp Bucca Theater Internment Facility shortly after noon, Jan. 31, left four detainees dead and six injured.

The violence erupted after a routine search for contraband in one of the camp's 10 compounds. The facility's commander immediately deployed all available guards to the camp in an attempt to control the situation.

The riot quickly spread to three additional compounds, with detainees throwing rocks and fashioning weapons from materials inside their living areas. The four compounds involved in the riot house more than 2,900 of Camp Bucca's 5,300 detainees.

Guards attempted to calm the increasingly volatile situation using verbal warnings and, when that failed, they used non-lethal force. After 45 minutes of escalating danger, lethal force was used to quell the violence. The situation quickly began to subside after the use of lethal force. Medical personnel on site provided immediate aide to the injured.

The injuries resulted from both the use of force to control the situation and from violence by other detainees within the camp during the riot. Three injured detainees were evacuated from the facility for treatment at a military hospital, while the remaining three were treated at the facility's medical clinic.

The names of the detainees who died in the incident are being provided to the Iraqi government and the International Committee of the Red Cross for notification of family members.

The cause of the riot and use of lethal force is currently under investigation by the chain of command and the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigations Division, which is standard procedure whenever a detainee death occurs.

## Aerial video footage track insurgent attack on embassy

Seven insurgents responsible for the Jan. 29 rocket attack on the U.S. Embassy were captured by Task Force Baghdad Soldiers about an hour after launching their attack.

Following the 7:45 p.m. attack on the embassy, the men fled the scene of the rocket launch, but were tracked to a residence in southeastern Baghdad. Task Force Baghdad ground troops

descended on the home, detaining all seven suspects.

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## 201st Iraqi Army Battalion secures ballots prior to elections

**TIKRIT, Iraq** — The 201st Iraqi Army Battalion with support from Task Force 1-18 Infantry successfully secured the ballots during the week leading up to the Iraqi elections.

Tikrit is the location of provincial-level activities for the region so the Tikrit Iraqi Security Forces were responsible for the security of not only their local polling sites, but also the provincial ballot Polling Distribution Site.

During the week leading up to the elections, the Tikrit ISF in conjunction with Task Force 1-18 Infantry's Scout Platoon escorted ballots for the province, which arrived at Forward Operating Base Speicher and were delivered for storage to the Tikrit PDS Warehouse.

Iraqi Security Forces, specifically the Iraqi Army's 201st Battalion, was also responsible for the security of the ballots while they remained in storage prior to the elections.

Another significant responsibility of the Task Force 1-18 Infantry and their Tikrit Iraqi Security Force counterparts was the security of the routes for con-

voys traveling to the Tikrit PDS Warehouse and departing the warehouse, delivering ballots to the various polling sites throughout the province.

The significance of the elections was evident by the performance of the Iraqi Security Forces including the 201st Iraqi Army Battalion, the Iraqi

National Police and the Joint Coordination Center, who committed months of training in preparation for the elections.

Training for the 201st and the INP included weapons marksmanship, platoon-level operations securing fixed site locations and providing a quick reaction force.

The J C C conducted numerous evaluation exercises incorporating the deployment of the 201st Iraqi Army Battalion, the Iraqi National Police and the Tikrit Emergency Services Unit. These exercises culminated in a 4-day Command Post Exercise based out of the Tikrit Joint Coordination Center with their Task

Force 1-18 Infantry staff counterparts working through tactical challenges requiring the use of the military decision making process.

## Coalition forces recover weapons cache

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Coalition forces recovered six weapons caches Saturday.

The first weapons cache was located in Kabul Province by local Afghan police and turned over to coalition forces. The cache contained two recoilless rifle rounds, six anti-tank mines, one case of fuses, 29 rocket propelled grenade rounds, 94 82 mm mortars, 33 107 mm rockets, 42 cases of 12.7 mm rounds and 97 cases of 23 mm rounds.

Coalition forces have secured the weapons cache and will destroy it at a later date.

A second weapons cache was located by coalition forces in Salerno

Province. The cache contained five 107 mm rockets, 49 anti-personnel mines, 27 boxes of 14.5 mm ammunition.

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A third weapons cache was recovered by the Afghan National Army in Shindand Province. The cache contained one Dishka heavy machine gun, one SGM light machine gun, one RP-46 medium machine gun, two RPD medium machine guns, two PPSH-41s assault rifles, six RPG rockets, 500 .51 with links, 1,000 7.62 X54R ammunition, one Dishka mount with tripod, two SGM spare barrels, two SGM tripods and one unidentified weapon mount.

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Three weapons caches were turned in to coalition forces by Afghan citizens in Chamkani Province. The caches contained 16 RPG7s, 28 cans of Dishka ammunition, 12 cans of ZKU ammunition, two cases of 82 mm mortar round fuses, 26 hand grenades, two cases (10 units per case) anti-personnel mines.

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## Insurgents responsible for embassy rocket attack captured

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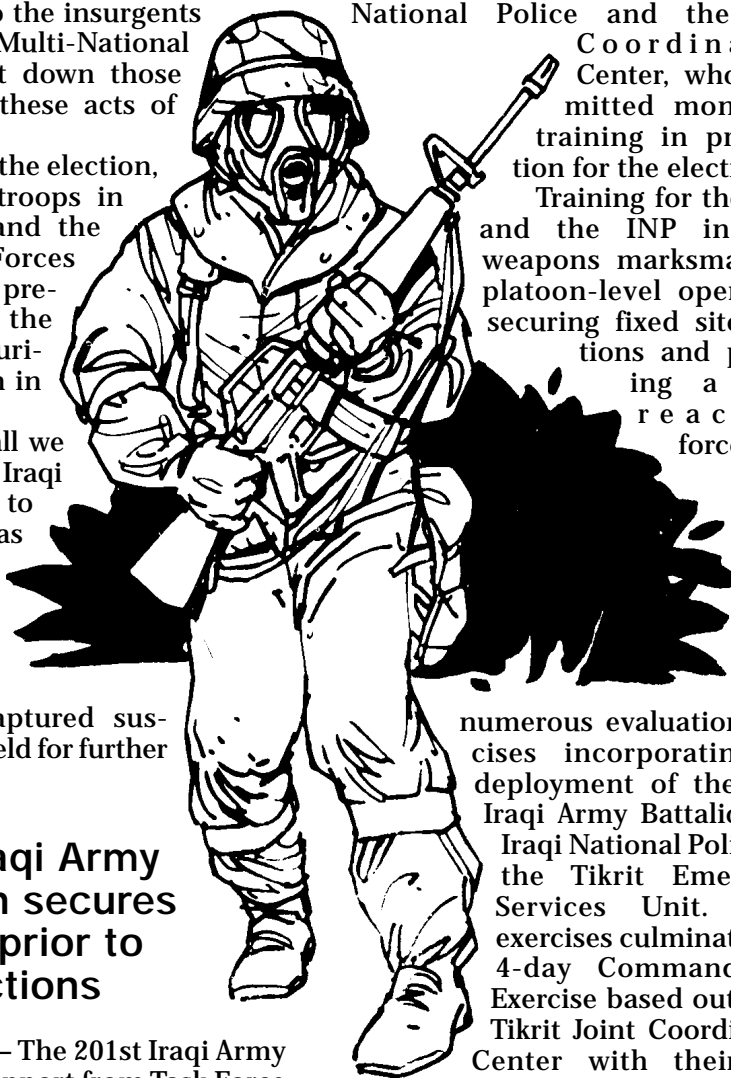
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# Excalibur honors four Army Medical Department organizations

**Jerry Harben**  
Medical Command Headquarters

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley honored four Army Medical Department organizations for innovative programs with the 2004 Excalibur Awards during the Department of Defense's annual TRICARE Conference the last week of January.

The annual awards are a means to recognize team and organizational performance excellence; stimulate, recognize, and reward improvements; and share information on good ideas and best practices. Excalibur Awards are available to both Active and Reserve Component, and both Tables of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) and Tables of Organization and Equipment (TOE) organizations.

The winners of this year's awards are: Active Component Medical Treatment Facility (MTF): Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Ga. Winn was cited for creating a department of mobilization medical services.

Historically, medical support for mobilization and deployment consisted of drawing from over-taxed primary-care resources. This degraded access to care for enrolled beneficiaries and distracted the leadership from their usual missions. In addition, the absence of permanent staff with the primary mission of expert mobilization medical support resulted in inefficient processes, no institutional memory, failure to sustain lessons learned, and failure to achieve expertise in the administrative and clinical aspects of mobilization medicine.

In 2003, several months after Fort Stewart became a Power Projection Platform for thousands of Army Reserve

and National Guard Soldiers, the hospital leadership designed the department of mobilization medical services (DMMS). It assumed supervision of the medical Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) Service, established the installation's first full-time troop medical clinic for the National Guard training area, and created a mobilization consultation and continuity clinic (MCCC) to provide same-day consultation to the SRP site and primary care for nearly 700 medical holdover Soldiers.

The creation of DMMS enabled the reevaluation of all processes and procedures involved in mobilizing and demobilizing troops. This immediately led to policy changes, including the recommendation of a 25-day period to allow Soldiers to be properly evaluated and sent home if medically unfit. New standards for access to care were monitored and enforced to ensure quick evaluations and dispositions for mobilized Soldiers.

Active Component, Non-MTF: Medical Command Headquarters In October 2003, MEDCOM's clinical laboratory division launched WOW, a Six Sigma business initiative. WOW (War on Waste) is a total management philosophy committed to excellence, customer focus, and process improvement, and driven by measurable data. Increasing levels of Six Sigma training are designated by different colors of belts like martial arts, with Black Belts being the highest level of training. Yellow belts are process improvement team members. WOW has 11 certified Black Belts and more than 100 WOW-trained Yellow Belts. Total savings for the first year are greater than \$1.6 million, with expected savings to double or triple as projects are exported.

Metrics are used to align the organiza-

tion's strategic goals and values with that of the customer's needs and expectations. WOW uses a standardized project focused approach consisting of five phases: Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control. Each project completes the five phases in a specified and chronological order. This allows common framework, language, and a checklist that enhances the performance improvement process.

Active Component, TOE: 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The 82nd Airborne Division's Rapid 91W Transition Initiative conserves resources and holds unit leaders accountable for 91W training. A forward-deployed mobile training team helped the division lead all Forces Command units in 91W conversion. A standardized SACMS-VT Instructor Trainer Course enables individual units to conduct required 91W sustainment training. The Division Medical Training Center (DMTC) continued the 91W transition initiative well ahead of the published Army glide path during the deployment of all three divisional maneuver brigade combat teams, as well as during post-deployment reset and regeneration activities.

The mobile training team deployed and trained more than 300 91WY2s, many of whom were members of other non-organic units task organized with the 82nd. In addition, the team provided required emergency medical technician refresher training, meeting the requirement for continuing education, to more than 180 91Ws. They also conducted combat lifesaver training.

Reserve Component, TDA: Mississippi Army National Guard, Headquarters, Medical Detachment, Jackson, Miss. The detachment revised the physical examination process for Guardsmen over age 40, taking advantage of changed require-

ments in AR 40-501. Historically, soldiers who failed Phase I of cardiovascular screening were required to undergo an exercise stress test. Often, failures were caused by mild to moderate elevations of blood pressure, cholesterol, serum glucose, and other items which are better evaluated and managed by exercise, diet, or medication at a much lower cost per soldier.

A committee consisting of the state surgeon, deputy state surgeon, chief nurse, and executive officer devised alternate protocols for treatment, follow-up care, and tracking of ongoing medical care. New processes were developed to coordinate appropriate medical care of soldiers that failed any portion of the exam.

In calendar year 2002, the MSARNG had 169 soldiers fail CV Phase I that required treadmill stress testing at a cost of \$250 each. In the six months following revised protocols (October 2003 to March 2004), only five Soldiers required stress testing, 13 Soldiers required medical evaluation for various conditions such as hypertension or hyperlipidemia. The remainder of over-40 failures failed due to conditions already under treatment and cleared by their personal physician without added expense to the government.

The new over-40 medical screening process actually addresses causes for screening failures and leads to treatment of specific medical problems. The new process does not rigidly require treadmill testing, which often was inappropriate in view of the noted physical findings. The appropriate follow-ups have resulted in significant cost savings.

There were no submissions in the award category for TOE reserve organizations.

## 3rd ID Farewell Snapshots

*Families, friends, co-workers and even some pets made their way onto Fort Stewart last month as the final wave of 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers embarked for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3. Some parting pictures are noted here and on page 15.*

*All photos by Jennifer Wingfield, Managing Editor, The Frontline*



Spec. Zenna Williams, common ground station operator, assists Sgt. Maurice Hatcher, intelligence analyst, with his assault pack. Both are assigned to HHOC, Special Troops Brigade.



Capt. Dawn Fick, Special Troops Brigade, listens to her son St. Clair explain, in his 3-year-old wisdom, how he will take care of things while she is gone by driving and watching movies.



A lone figure stands in the early morning grass as she watches her 3rd Inf. Div. Soldier leave for what is expected to be at least a year long deployment.



# ASK THE JUDGE

## Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (Major Relief)

Capt. Edward W. Berg

Legal Assistance Lawyer

**Q: What is the SCRA and to whom does it apply?**

**A:** The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) (50 U.S.C. App. §§ 501-596), which replaced the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act in December 2003, is a federal law that gives all military members some important protections as they enter active duty and other protections while they are on active duty. The SCRA protects members of the regular force and members of the National Guard and other Reserve components called to active duty (starting on the date active duty orders are received) and, in limited situations, their dependents.

**Q: I heard that the interest rate on my debts has to be reduced to six percent?**

**A:** Six Percent Maximum Interest Rate Rule: The SCRA provides that no obligation or liability incurred by a service member prior to entry onto active duty shall bear interest at an annual rate in excess of six percent. Be aware that:

•This provision does not apply to any debt incurred after entry onto active duty or to any guaranteed student loan.

A lender may only get relief from the six percent cap by going to court and showing that the service member's ability to pay the contract interest rate is not materially affected by reason of military service. Upon such a showing, the court may make any order it deems just.

**Q: Can I terminate my apartment lease?**

**A:** Termination of Residential Leases: The SCRA permits termination of residential leases by active duty service members who subsequently receive orders for a permanent change of station (PCS) or a deployment for a period of 90 days or more. Be aware that:

•Even if the lease is in your spouse's name, the SCRA applies and your spouse is entitled to terminate the lease.

After you give notice of termination to your landlord, the lease terminates 30 days after the first date that the next rent is due. So, remember to give your notice as soon as possible before your next rent is due. Otherwise, you could get stuck with almost two months of rent due before termination.

**Q: Can I terminate my cell-phone contract under the SCRA?**

**A:** No. The SCRA only covers residential and automobile lease contracts. Be sure that if a cell phone company promises to let you out of their contract when you deploy, get that in writing!

**Q: What are the rules for getting out of an automobile lease under the SCRA?**

**A:** Termination of Automobile Leases: The SCRA permits the termination of leases for motor vehicles leased for personal or business use by service members and their dependents. A pre-service motor vehicle lease may be cancelled if the service member receives active duty orders for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days or more. The automobile lease entered into while the service member is on active duty may be terminated if the service member receives PCS orders to a (1) location outside the continental United States or (2) deployment orders for a period of one hundred and eighty days or more.

**Q: When else might the SCRA protect me or my dependents?**

**A:** The SCRA also potentially applies in situations relating to Delay of Court and Administrative Proceedings; Eviction for Nonpayment of Rent; Default Judgment Protection; and other situations. Come by or call the Legal Assistance Office at 767-8809 if you have questions.

# New Education Center prepares for ribbon cutting ceremony

Catherine Caruso

Hunter PAO

The formal ribbon cutting is still a week away (Feb. 15th), but the new Army Education Center at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, are open for business.

It's not too early or late to look into taking a class, or pursuing your degree.

And it's never too late.

Here are some reasons to sign up for an appointment with an Army education counselor:

You don't have to be in the Army.

The Army Education System's primary mission is to give Soldiers access to professional development opportunities they need to succeed in their jobs. But you don't need to be a Soldier, or even a service member, to benefit. More students mean more programs for Soldiers and civilians alike. Stewart's new \$10.5 million education center is located outside the main gate to improve access to the facility for civilian students and instructors. Classes offered on post are open to employees, military family members, and even residents of the surrounding communities. The testing center can also proctor exams for distance-learning students at other schools.

It might not cost as much as you think.

Education is expensive, but the education center's staff of highly-skilled Army education counselors can help, find ways to pay for your college program.

Soldiers may be eligible

for GI Bill benefits and tuition assistance, as well as federal grants and federally subsidized low interest loans. Civilians may qualify for federal financial aid, and counselors also have information about many other sources of private grants and scholarships.

Columbia College offers entire degree programs on post, and is currently offering newly-enrolled military spouses their first class, free.

While you could contact schools you are interested in taking classes with directly, Army Education Counselors are specially trained to help you evaluate all of the options available to you at schools around the country.

Not only can a counselor help you find and fill out the paperwork you need, they can also suggest ways to modify your education plan to better qualify for aid.

Taking CLEP or similar exams at the test center may also save money on books, tuition, or other fees.

And if you think you may move before you finish your degree, they can save you money by helping design a course plan that will transfer to other schools.

Why would you want to wait?

An appointment with an education counselor carries no obligation to start classes before you are ready, but will give you an idea of what you need to do and when you need to do it to achieve your short and long term educational goals.

Service members, civilian employees, and family members may be able to try out college classes for free, through the education center's Lifetime Skills Enrichment Program. Classes on computer software, leadership, and even personal finance are offered as short, intensive workshops that can be transferred to many colleges for one to three credits.

And if you want to start pursuing your degree right away, you could start class at many schools when the next eight-week term begins in March.

## Services offered at the Education Center include:

Computer labs equipped with internet access, software for word processing or computer-related coursework, and staff trained to help you with everything from basic math and grammar to studying for CLEP exams or the SAT's.

Free counseling to anyone interested in taking classes at the education center.

An Army MOS library, including copies of Army and DOD regulations and manuals.

Basic and advanced English as a Second Language classes are free to the public.



3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

**Universal Studios**  
Two day trip including transportation, two-day attraction ticket and lodging is scheduled for Feb. 20. Adult fare is \$150, children \$90 and anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Busses will depart at midnight from Bldg. 443. For more information, call 767-8609.

**Bowling and Golf**  
Free bowling and shoe rental at Marne and Hunter Lanes, 1 — 5 p.m. for Soldiers and family members. No golf fees at Taylors Creek and Hunter Courses from 1 — 5 p.m. Golf cart rental, \$7 per person for 9 holes or \$12 per person for 18 holes.

**Moon Walk for Kids**  
Leisure Activities Center has scheduled this event for Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration requested but walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 767-2841

**Super Bowl XXXIX**  
Get together Sunday, 6:25 p.m. at Club Stewart. Tickets \$5, bring a buddy get \$1 off ticket price. Free munchies, chicken wings, chili bar, and door prizes. For more information, call 368-2212.

**Red Cross CPR Instructors**  
If you are a current CPR/First Aid Instructor with the American Red Cross, you

need to register with the Savannah Chapter — Liberty Branch to keep your certification current. You can call 876-3975 or visit the local office in the Winn-Dixie Shopping Center between Goodwill and Pro-Feet for more information.

**Finance Location Change**  
As part of the preparation for deployment in support of OIF 3, the 3rd Finance Company will provide finance support to garrison units, MEDDAC and DENTAC from the finance section in the finance section located at the Soldiers Support Center. All 3rd ID units will continue to receive Finance Support from the current Customer Service in Bldg. 9118 or the finance team located within the brigades. For more information, call Capt. Langley or Master Sgt. Ramsey at 767-4680/5724.

**Track and Field/Soccer**  
Registration begins Feb. 1 and is open and FREE to all current CYS membersx living on or off post. All children must have a current physical ion file at time of registration. For more information, call 767-2312/4371.

**Sweetheart Dance**  
Club Stewart is hosting a Valentine's Day dance Feb. 12 from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information call, 368-2212.

Hunter

**Tax Center**  
The Tax Center located at the Legal Center, Bldg 1211, is now open 9 a.m. through 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through April 14. Call 303-3675/3697 to make an appointment, or for more information.

**Rio Gate Expanded Hours**  
By popular demand, the Rio Gate at Hunter Army Airfield is now open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, for DOD decaled vehicles. Visitor passes are available at Wilson Gate, open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Montgomery Gate, open 24 hours.

**S-1 Center**  
Customer service hours for the Finance Support Center have changed. The center will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but will remain open with reduced hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 767-5335 -5722.

**DECA Scholarship**  
The commissary announces applications for the Defense Commissary Agency's 2005 Military Children Program Scholarship are due Feb. 13. This year's essay is "How has the heightened awareness of terrorism impacted your life?" For more information, see [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

**Lighten Up at Hunter Club**  
"Lighten up" at Hunter Club.

Buy a healthy meal and earn a frequent purchase card stamp. Ten stamps equal prizes, such as free bowling or a free lunch. Then, enter your redeemed card in MWR's national drawing to compete for exciting prizes, like a free spa vacation or a home gym.

**Spouses Club Luncheon**  
The Hunter Spouses Club will host a luncheon Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Café at City Market. Mrs. Lori O'Neill, HSC Advisor and Jazzercise Instructor, will share tips for a healthy new year. Also, pick up wreaths to decorate for spring auction. Cost is \$10, which includes your order off the menu and beverages. To R.S.V.P., call Isabelle Harmon at 927-5666..

**Universal Studios**  
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**GMH Housing Available**  
Family housing is available for service members stationed at Hunter. There are units available for immediate occupancy, and several more expected within the month. For more information, call 459-2133.

Winn /Tuttle

**Flu vaccine for all**  
Flu vaccine is now available for all beneficiaries at the immunization clinic. For more information, call the immunization clinic at 370-6633.

**Newborn TRICARE Prime**  
Parents now have 60 days from the date of birth to enroll their newborn in TRICARE Prime. If the 60-day window is not met, the child will be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Standard. You must enroll your child in DEERS before you can enroll into TRICARE. For more information, 767-4909 or 352-5726. Call TRI-CARE at 1-800-444-5445.

**Walk to Winn Program**  
This 12-week walking program is designed to increase activity, water intake and fruit and vegetable consumption. Registration begins today and spaces are limited. For more information, call 370-5071 to reserve your place.

**Ready to Quit Class**  
If you're interested in quitting tobacco use, walk-in to a one hour Ready to Quit class. You can register for the 4-week Tobacco Use Cessation program during this class or pick-up self-help materials to quit on your own. Ready to Quit is a pre-requisite to the Tobacco Use Cessation program. The next class at Winn is 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The next class at Tuttle is Feb. 11 a.m. Feb. 23. For more information about the Winn class, call 370-5071. For more information about the Tuttle class, call Community Health Nursing at 1-800-652-9221.

**TRICARE Phone Numbers**  
For general health care information, you can call the Humana Military Audio Library at 877-217-7946. For more information of if you have questions about TRICARE, you can call TRICARE at 800-444-5445 or the Health Benefits Office at 370-6633 or 800-652-9221.

**Volunteer Orientation**  
The next mandatory volunteer orientation at Winn will be held 8:30 to 11 a.m. today in the Hospital Conference Room. Volunteers are welcome and needed in a variety of capacities. For more information, call 370-6903.

**Baby Basic Training**  
Baby Basic Training offers first time fathers-to-be the chance to ask questions and practice taking care of their child through hands-on training. The class, facilitated by a man, will cover topics including diaper changes, bathing and holding an infant and what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. For more information, call 370-6779.

Marne TV

February 2005 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every weekday.

Tune in to the Marne Report six times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m. .... Army Newswatch

5:30 a.m. .... MARNE REPORT

6:30 a.m. .... Air Force News

7 a.m. .... Navy News

7:30 a.m. .... Army Newswatch

8 a.m. .... MARNE REPORT

9 a.m. .... Air Force News

9:30 a.m. .... Navy News

11:30 a.m. .... Army Newswatch

Noon .... MARNE REPORT

1 p.m. .... Air Force News

4:30 p.m. .... Navy News

5 p.m. .... MARNE REPORT

6 p.m. .... Army Newswatch

6:30 p.m. .... Air Force News

7 p.m. .... Navy News

10 p.m. .... MARNE REPORT

11 p.m. .... Army Newswatch

Midnight .... MARNE REPORT





POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, Avn. Bde.  
• **Charge:** Provoking speech, gestures  
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.  
• **Charges:** Larceny of government weapon, false official statement, conspiracy, dereliction of duty  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, separate unit  
• **Charge:** Damage to private property  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, separate unit  
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 70/55  
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 39-year-old male  
• **Charge:** Wrongful possession of marijuana  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 41/30  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Div. Sup. Bde.  
• **Charge:** Driving while license suspended  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 2nd Bde.  
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 27-year-old male, 2nd Bde.  
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 28-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of dangerous



drugs (methamphetamines)  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 27-year-old male, Fires Bde.  
• **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana  
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 29-year-old female  
• **Charge:** Coyote mishap  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate unit  
• **Charges:** Assault consummated by a battery, cruelty to children  
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, improper turn at intersection, drinking underage  
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charge:** Wrongful possession of steroids

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charges:** Mutual affray, underage drinking  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 2nd Bde.  
• **Charge:** Failure to obey order  
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate unit  
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, hit and run, failure to stop at stop sign  
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charges:** Assault consummated by a battery, simple assault  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old

male, Div. Sup. Bde.  
• **Charges:** Driving on a revoked license, failure to stop at posted stop sign  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, Div. Sup. Bde.  
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 79/55  
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charges:** Speeding 40/30, driving while license suspended  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, separate unit  
• **Charges:** Larceny of government property, wrongful possession of control substances, computer fraud  
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Fires Bde.  
• **Charge:** Larceny of private property  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old female  
• **Charge:** Possession of a controlled substance  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male  
• **Charge:** Improper backing  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, separate unit  
• **Charge:** Speeding 41/30  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 34-year-old female  
• **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 4th Bde.  
• **Charges:** Failure to appear  
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, separate unit  
• **Charge:** Failure to appear  
• **Location:** Hunter



# 24th ID prepares Guard Brigade for Iraqi deployment

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Soldiers from 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), in conjunction with the members of the 4th and 5th Brigades of the 87th Division, are assisting the 48th Brigade Combat Team in their mobilization training at Fort Stewart, Ga., before deploymentin support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“We are responsible for training and readiness oversight for the 48th BCT,” said Maj. John Kundel, 24th Infantry Div. (Mech) G3 Operations officer. “One of our primary responsibilities is the readiness of their personnel for their upcoming mission.”

24th Infantry Div. (Mech) Forward is a 20-Soldier unit based at Fort Jackson, S.C. When preparing units for deployment, the Forward is augmented by staff members from 24th Infantry Div. (Mech) Headquarters, from Fort Riley, KS. During this mission at Fort Stewart, several Soldiers from 1st U.S. Army, Fort Gillem, Ga., are also rolled up into the Forward. In total, more than 60 Soldiers (and one civilian) are over-seeing the training and preparation of the 3,700 Soldiers of the 48th BCT.

“The 48th BCT is going into combat and it is our job to make sure they are manned, equipped and trained for their mission,” said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Frantz, G3 operations noncommissioned officer, 24th Infantry Div. (Mech).

Kundel said preparing the 48th BCT for deployment to Iraq is an important task and the 24th Infantry Div. (Mech) is well qualified to accomplish this mission. In fact, this is not the first such unit the 24th has prepared for deployment, said Frantz. “We have overseen the mobilization training of the 30th BCT, 278th BCT and the 155th BCT,” said Frantz. “We are well versed in the requirements necessary for a brigade to deploy.”

“One of our primary responsibilities is to make sure that personnel and equipment are taken care of,” Kundel said. “Sometimes in the news you see reports of Soldiers being understaffed and not having the proper equipment. We are here to make sure that doesn't happen.” Kundel said the best way to ensure the 48th BCT is ready to go to Iraq is to make sure they receive everything they need to successfully complete their mission.



Photos by Pfc. James Tamez

**(Above) Civilian trainer Garth Spendiff (center) of Coastal Combatives shows Soldiers from C Company, 2 Battalion, 130th Infantry how to disable an enemy combatant.**

**(Right) Staff Sgt. Steven Thomas, 4th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support) instructs Soldiers from HQ and HQ Co., 1st Bn., 108th Armor, in the proper use of mission oriented protective posture gear during training at Fort Stewart, Ga.**

Frantz said the training that the 48th BCT receives follows a specific order to ensure that all of the Soldiers understand their responsibilities to themselves and their units. He said the process begins with individual training, then progresses through squad, platoon, company, battalion and, finally, brigade-level training.

The individual training includes common task training and weapons qualification. Once the Soldiers are conducting their training in groups, they train for urban operations, movement to contact, and improvised explosive device recognition.

Frantz added the 48th BCT is also participating in Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training, which includes classes on Iraqi customs. “We want to make sure the Soldiers of the 48th BCT get the proper training and equipment,” said Frantz. “This includes familiarizing them with things that have been experienced by other Soldiers in Iraq. In fact, we have to immerse the Soldiers into theatre throughout their training. By doing that, we give them the opportunity to accom-

plish training tasks numerous times. The more repetitions Soldiers perform, the better they are trained. Eventually, their actions become natural. When that happens, we have been successful and they are ready to deploy.”

Each section in 24th Infantry Div. (Mech) performs unique and important functions that aid in the overall effort of preparing the 48th BCT for deployment to Iraq, said Kundel.

“The 24th Infantry Div. (Mech) ensures effective training for the 48th BCT so that they are prepared for deployment,” said Master Sgt. Charles Goforth, G4 support NCO, 24th Infantry Div. (Mech) Forward. “G4 provides oversight and guidance on logistics, transportation, food services and automation for the 48th BCT. We provide tracking in each of these areas and help prepare the S4 from the 48th BCT for deployment.”

“G1 personnel maintain a daily account of the number of Soldiers conducting training with the 48th BCT,” said Staff Sgt. Hector Acosta, G1, 24th Infantry Div.



(Mech). Acosta said it is G1's responsibility to ensure that the correct number of Soldiers are receiving training, and keep account of the number of Soldiers that are failing to meet the standards necessary to deploy.

Frantz said members of the G3 section travel to the different training sites, observe the quality and intensity of the training being conducted, and report their findings so that any adjustments that need to be made will be made.

Other sections helping to prepare the 48th BCT for their mission in Iraq include G2 (Intelligence and Physical Security), G6 (Electronics and Communication), G8 (Resource Management), Staff Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Safety, Chaplain, Public Affairs, SGS/Protocol, and a command element.

“Army National Guard and Army Reserve units are being mobilized to serve a year in the Middle East,” said Frantz. “We are here to make sure they will be able to successfully carry out their mission in Iraq and return home safely.”



# As last of 3rd Inf. Div. departs welcome home ceremonies keep going at Stewart

Jennifer Wingfield

Managing Editor

Welcome home ceremonies continue at Jordan Gym for Soldiers who are returning from their deployment operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Many of them returning left for Iraq in early 2004.

Over 100 members of Company B, Company D, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 711th Signal Battalion headquartered in Mobile, Ala., returned during the wee hours of Jan. 25. Even though their mission was to provide communications support for those on the battlefield, they were also able to help out local schools and medical clinics in the region. The battalion encompasses members from the towns of Mobile, Atmore, Grove Hill, Chatom, Foley and Bay Minette in Alabama.

Wife Stacey, 16-month-old son Seth, 9-year-old daughter Elizabeth, and niece Katie Chatman greeted Sgt. Kenneth Aron. Aron said that he appreciates his family more. "I want to spend time with them and take a trip into the Smoky Mountains."

Vicky Cline, wife of Capt. Ross Cline, said that the family could celebrate Christmas now that her husband had returned. Cline added that he would like to take a family trip to Orange Beach and Gulf Shores.

Up at that time of morning was also 3-year-old Taylor Isom, with mom Cyndie, waving an American flag so that his returning dad Brad could see his patriotism. They also plan to vacation once they get settled to Chattanooga and Gatlinburg.

Flags, banners, and tears of happiness greeted another group of Soldiers that returned around the same time Sunday. Returning at that time were members of 1/171st Aviation Battalion, 204th Public Affairs Detachment, and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 357th Corps Support Battalion. The deployment is the first for the aviation battalion, which flies UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Guest speakers welcoming them home were Brig. Gen. Stewart Rodeheaver, 48th



Photos by Jennifer Wingfield

Austin Cauffman, 4, is ready to greet his dad, Cpl. Tommy Cauffman following his year long deployment.

Infantry Brigade Commander, and Brig. Gen. Larry Knightner, Regional Readiness Group commander. Knightner commended the Soldiers for protecting the freedom of others. "This is your America," he said. "We will continue to defend her at all costs."

Rodeheaver gave thanks to the families that were present and those who were not. "You are our heroes. We appreciate what you have done."

Brig. Gen. (Retired) Thomas L. McCullough, former assistant adjutant general of the Georgia Army National Guard, his wife Mary, and 3 year-old granddaughter Colleen, were present to greet his son, Sgt. Bill McCullough. "I am really glad to see these Soldiers reunited with their family and friends," McCullough said. "I am really proud of all of them."

McCullough stated that he had served over 37 years in the military. "Once it (military) gets in you, it's hard to shake off." McCullough adds that during his spare time now, he enjoys fishing, time with the grandchildren, and of course



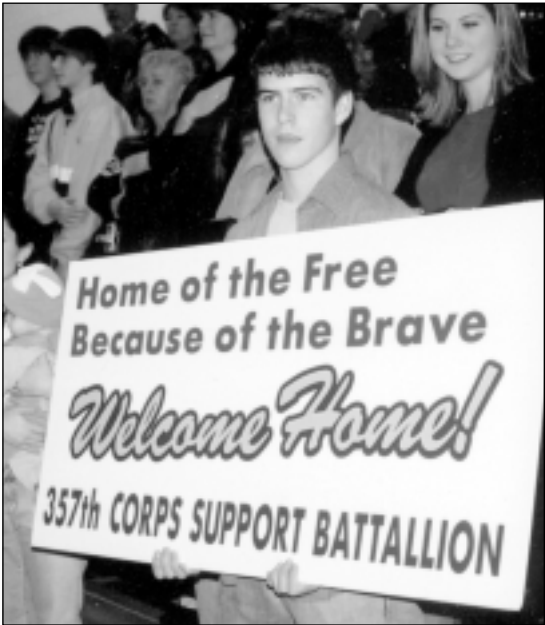
Family members and friends traveled from areas of north Georgia to greet units returning last month.

visiting military units.

Julie Cauffman, wife of Corp. Tommy Cauffman, along with sons Austin and Cody, 4 and 6-years old respectively, were just a few of the nearly 100 family members who were present for the welcome home. "I missed his companionship the most," said Julie. "The boys have a list of what they want to do with their dad when he gets home. High on that list is for him to play PS2 games, take them to school, and give him lots of hugs and kisses."

Taking time from her chemical engineering degree pursuit at Agnes Scott College was Heather Williams, with 5-month-old Shannon. Heather said that her husband, Spec. Charles Williams was home for two weeks before and one week after the birth of their daughter. "Now that he is back for good, I am just going to let him relax and we will just be a slave to each other."

Spec. Tavaris Slade found that his wife Brandy had kept busy during his deployment with their 8-month-old son Brenddan. Brandy is looking forward for them to travel to Disneyworld.



Nearly 100 family members gave a standing salute to units who returned last month. The units included Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 357th Corps Support Battalion.



# Precious moments



Sgt. 1st. Class Kim Sanders, 4th Bde., squeezes in last hugs from friend Lisa Dumhart of Marianna, Fla.



Pfc. Justin Mignogna, HHOC, Special Troops Battalion gets a send-off from Aunt Darlene and mom Donna who drove hours from from Queens, New York, and Hasbrouck, NJ, to bid him farewell.



Sgt. Shakira Gray, HHSC, 3rd Special Troops Battalion food service worker, listens to words of advice from a family member on the cell phone.



Capt. Bruce Gannaway, Special Troops Brigade, and wife Sarah, do not pay heed to the photographer as they share their embrace.



Renae Hater tries to comfort 12-year-old daughter Joanna as they watch Maj. David Hater depart with the Soldiers.



Ashanti Lass gives her uncle Spc. Cedric Williams, Special Troops Brigade petroleum specialist, a kiss goodbye.



Evelyn Jones, 8-month-old daughter of Sgt. Daniel Jones, HHOC, Special Troops Battalion intelligence analyst, doesn't quite understand the fuss being made over dad's departure. She may understand his return though.